

Teenage Teachers

People may think teenagers are too young to be in charge of a class when they're still students themselves, but that's not true. Sixteen-year-olds are (1)..... teaching lessons to primary school children in a new government scheme which allows school leavers to (2)..... as teaching assistants in primary schools.

New rules were recently introduced which have allowed all primary school teachers to have more time during the school day for (3)..... lessons, but this sometimes means that teachers have less time for teaching. Now teenagers fill the gap. They take a two-year course, starting when they're 14. When they enter the classroom as teachers (4)..... than students, they have to quickly put into practice the skills they learned (5)..... they were studying.

The government believes that about 18,000 teenagers could get jobs in this (6)..... . However, many people believe that young teenagers will not make suitable teachers.

1 A currently	B newly	C previously	D recently
2 A be	B feel	C learn	D work
3 A practising	B preparing	C reading	D thinking
4 A even	B instead	C rather	D sooner
5 A except	B however	C throughout	D while
6 A kind	B style	C type	D way